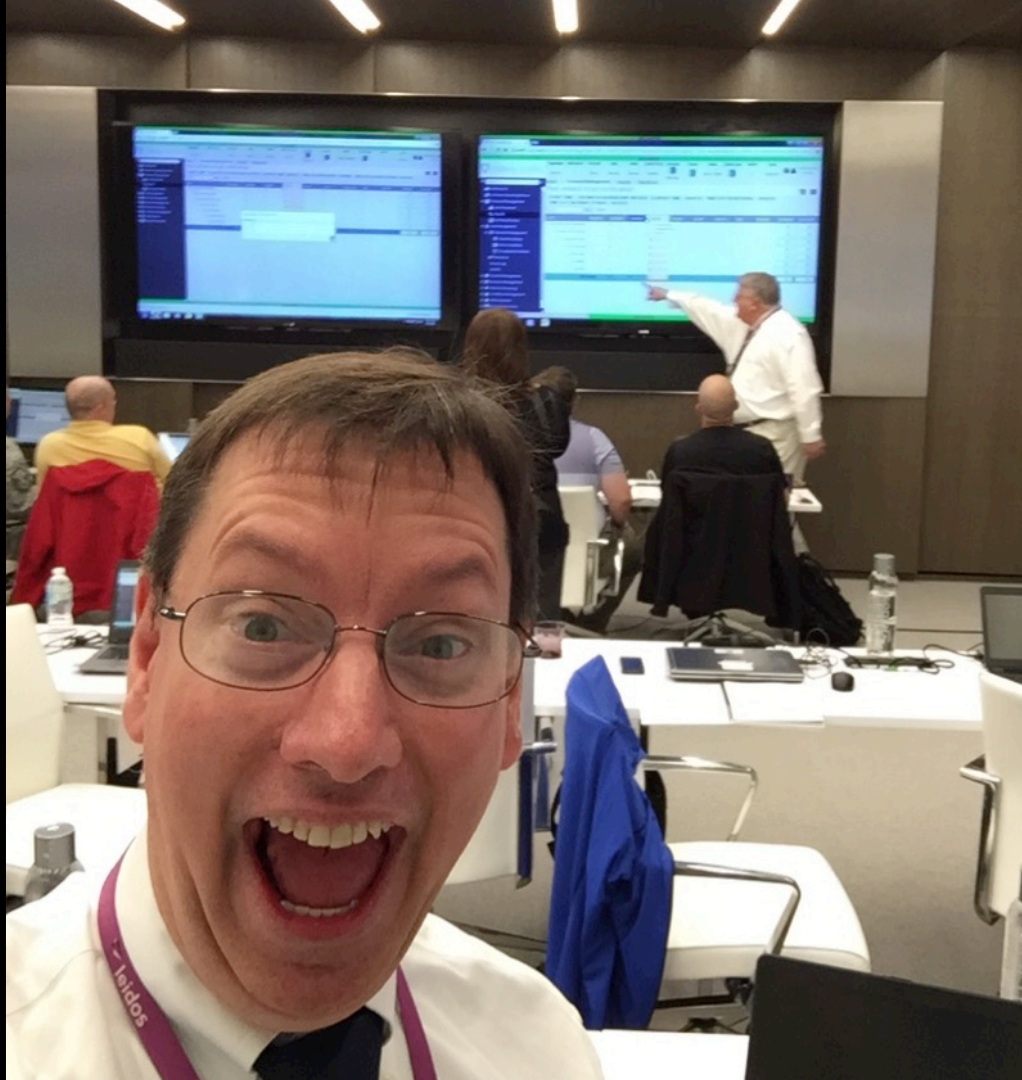


***“Making
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Colossians 3:14 – 4:1

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“And so we see what Luther meant by God’s vocation.

Not only are the most modest jobs — like plowing a field or digging a ditch — the “masks” through which God cares for us, but so are the most basic social roles and tasks, such as voting, participating in public institutions, and being a father or mother.”





“These are all God’s callings, all ways of doing God’s work in the world, all ways through which God distributes his gifts to us.

Even the humblest farm girl is fulfilling God’s calling. As Luther preached, ‘God milks the cows through the vocation of the milk maids.’”

-- Tim Keller, *Your Work Matters*



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“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

-- Ephesians 2:10

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“...put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**”

-- Ephesians 4:24

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1. God prepared us to do good work
2. We can put on a new attitude
3. Jesus did the ultimate work for us



“But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.”

-- Colossians 1:22

Christians do good work
because Jesus did the greatest
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